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                OF TRADITIONAL CONTROL FLOW PREDICATES

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FIRST RELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please add the following abstract to the application:

--ABSTRACT

A computing device that provides hardware conversion of flow control predicates associated with

program instructions executable within the computing device, detects the beginning and the end of a branch

domain of the program instructions, and realizes the beginning and the end of the branch domain at

execution time, for selectively enabling and disabling instructions within said branch domain.--

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